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OF THE

CATHOLIC

TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION

OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

TOGETHER WITH

THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE UNION,

HELD AT ST. JOHN, N. B.,

June 29th and 30th, 1872.

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C. T. A. U. of N. B.

Officers for 1872-3.

ACTING SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:
REV. JOSEPH MICHAUD, St. JOHN.

PRESIDENT:
JOHN O'BRIEN, St. JOHN.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:
GEORGE R. PERKS,
St. Dunstan's Society, Fredericton.
PATRICK MORAN,
St. Malachi's Society, St. John.
TIMOTHY COLLINS,
Father Mathew Association, St. John.

RECORDING SECRETARY:
PATRICK GLEESON, St. JOHN.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
MOSES BROWN, FREDERICTON.

TREASURER:
JOHN COHALAN, St. JOHN.

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St. John, New Brunswick,

July 15th, 1872.

We have examined the Constitution and By-Laws of
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(Signed),

†J. SWEENY,
Bp. of St. John.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION OF NEW BRUNSWICK, and shall be subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Union shall be to establish Catholic Temperance Societies in localities where they do not now exist; to stimulate to increased activity the Societies already existing; to foster a spirit of friendship and co-operation between the various local Societies; and, in fine, to promote the cause of Total Abstinence by every available means.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Union shall consist of such Catholic Temperance Societies established in the Province of New Brunswick as are recognized by Ecclesiastical authority.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The Officers of the Union shall consist of a Spiritual Director, who shall be the Right Rev. Bishop of St. John, or a clergyman to be named by his Lordship; a President, one Vice-President for each Society, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The above Officers shall form a Board of Government for the general management of the Union.

Sec. 3. All the Officers except the Spiritual Director shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Convention of the Union, the Vice-Presidents being nominated by the Delegates of their respective Societies; and they shall hold office for one year.

Sec. 4. The Board of Government shall have power to fill vacancies occurring between the Annual Conventions of the Union.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The Spiritual Director shall have charge of the religious affairs of the Union, and shall open and close all Conventions with prayer.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all Conventions of the Union, and all meetings of the Board of Government; shall be responsible for the carrying out of all laws, and for the discharge of their duties by all the Officers of the Union; shall sign all bills duly audited; and shall submit an Annual Written Report to the Convention of the Union, setting forth the general condition and requirements of the organization.

Sec. 3. The Vice-Presidents shall represent their Societies at the meetings of the Board of Government; shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the Board; and in case of the absence, death or resignation of the President, one of the Vice-

Presidents shall be elected by the Board of Government to act as President.

Sec. 4. The Recording Secretary shall attend all Conventions of the Union and all meetings of the Board of Government; shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of those bodies; and shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Sec. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall procure from the Officers of the local Societies a quarterly report of their strength, condition and requirements, and prepare a condensed statement of the general affairs of the Union; shall furnish all information and assistance required by local Societies, or by persons desirous of forming new Societies; shall keep a Roll of Delegates and Officers; shall collect all moneys due the Union by the Societies composing it, and pay the same over to the Treasurer; shall conduct all the correspondence of the Union, under the direction of the President; and shall report, in writing, quarterly to the Board of Government, and annually to the Convention of the Union.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Union, and shall pay all orders signed by the President; shall receive all moneys from the Corresponding Secretary, and give a receipt for the same; and shall report, in writing, quarterly to the Board of Government, and annually to the Convention of the Union.

ARTICLE VI.—BOARD OF GOVERNMENT.

The Board of Government shall meet quarterly for the transaction of business, (special meetings to be called by the President); shall suspend till the next Convention any Officer or Society violating the laws of the Union; shall authorize all expenditures and audit all bills; shall have power to call a Special Convention of the Union; and shall fix the time and place for each Annual Convention, unless provided for by the previous Convention.

ARTICLE VII.—OFFICERS' BOOKS & PROPERTY.

All Officers shall carefully preserve all books, papers, and other property of the Union, pertaining to their respective departments; and at the expiration of their term of office, or sooner, if required by the Board of Government, shall transfer all such property to their successors if elected, or to the Board of Government or the President, if no successors are appointed to receive them.

ARTICLE VIII.—THE CLERGY.

All Catholic Clergymen connected with Temperance Societies shall be, *ex officio*, vested with all the powers and privileges of Delegates to the Conventions of the Union.

ARTICLE IX.—FINANCES.

Sec. 1. Each Society in the Union shall pay an Initiation Fee of Ten Dollars the first year, and an assessment of Seven Cents per member each subsequent year.

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Sec. 2. For special purposes ordered by the Annual Convention, or in case of a deficiency occurring in the Finances during the year, an assessment in equal shares shall be made on each Society.

ARTICLE X.—TRANSFERS.

Sec. 1. Any member in good standing in any Society connected with the Union, shall, upon removing to another locality, be entitled to be received into any Society of the Union existing there, on presenting to the President of said Society a certificate, properly signed by the Officers of his old Society, provided it be presented without any unreasonable delay.

Sec. 2. Such member shall be subject to all the duties and benefits of the local laws of the Society which he enters, as soon as he joins it, but will be exempt from the payment of initiation fees.

Sec. 3. The form of Transfer Certificate shall be determined by the Board of Government, who shall have printed and despatched to the several local Societies a sufficient number for use.

ARTICLE XI.—FRATERNAL VISITS.

Any member of a Society in the Union shall be entitled to admittance to the meetings of any other Society in the Union, upon his name being conveyed to the Chairman, and his being recognized by that Officer as a member of the Union.

ARTICLE XII.—AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. All amendments to this Constitution

shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Government, or President, at least one month previous to the assembling of the Annual Convention.

Sec. 2. The President shall cause the Corresponding Secretary to send a copy of the proposed amendment to the several Vice-Presidents, to be laid before their respective Societies.

Sec. 3. If the proposed amendment be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Convention, it shall take immediate effect; and if any amendment offered at a Convention, without previous notice, receive a unanimous vote in its favor, it shall be declared adopted.

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PROCEEDINGS
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ST. JOHN, N. B.,
June 29th, 1872.

The first Annual Convention of the Catholic Temperance Societies of New Brunswick opened at St. Malachi's Hall this (Saturday) evening.

The Delegates to the Convention assembled at 8 o'clock, p. m., and effected a temporary organization by electing Mr. Geo. R. Perks Chairman and John O'Brien Secretary *pro tem*.

The Chairman of each delegation presented the credentials from the several Societies. They were on motion accepted, and were made the basis of the following Roll of Delegates:—

ST. DUNSTAN'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, FREDERICTON:
MR. PATRICK FARRELL, | MR. GEORGE R. PERKS,
" CHARLES PERKS, | " DAVID DENNISON,
MR. MOSES BROWN.

ST. MALACHI'S CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE RELIEF SOCIETY:
MR. MICHAEL NUGENT, | PATRICK GLEESON, ESQ.
" PATRICK MORAN, | MR. B. COTTER,
MR. JOHN COHALAN.

FATHER MATHEW ASSOCIATION :

MR. JOHN O'BRIEN, | MR. JOHN ALLEN,
 " TIMOTHY COLLINS, | " D. McLAUGHLAN,
 MR. RICHARD O'BRIEN.

All were found to be present except Mr. Charles Perks, who was unable to leave Fredericton, and whose place the other delegates were authorized to fill by appointing Mr. Geo. Byrnes, who is now in the city; and Mr. Cotter and Mr. Cohalan, who were detained on business.

The Chairman read the published Call for the Convention, which is as follows :

" PROVINCIAL CATHOLIC TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

A Convention of the Catholic Temperance Societies of the Province of New Brunswick will be held at St. Malachi's Hall, St. John, N. B., on Saturday Evening, June 29th, 1872, for the purpose of organizing a Provincial Catholic Temperance Union.

"All Catholic Temperance Societies recognized by the Pastors of the Congregations to which they belong are invited to send Delegates to the Convention, each Society being entitled to Five Representatives.

" JAMES FARRELL, President St. Dunstan's Temperance Society, Fredericton.

" MICHAEL NUGENT, Senior Vice-President St. Malachi's Catholic Total Abstinence Relief Society, St. John.

" JOHN O'BRIEN, President Father Mathew Association, St. John."

He called upon the Convention to carry out the object for which they met, on the propriety of which all parties had previously agreed.

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It was moved by Mr. Gleeson, seconded by Mr. Allen, and carried unanimously, that the Convention form a Provincial Catholic Temperance Union.

On motion of the Secretary *pro tem.* a Committee of two from each Society was appointed to draft a Constitution and report at to-morrow's session. The following Committee was named; St. Dunstan's Society, Mr. Perks and Mr. Dennison; St. Malachi's Society, Mr. Gleeson and Mr. Cotter; Father Mathew Association, Mr. Allen and J. O'Brien.

On motion of Mr. Gleeson the Secretary was authorized to invite the Rev. Joseph Michaud, Acting President of the St. Malachi's Society and Chaplain of the Father Mathew Association, to attend the Convention to-morrow, with the powers and privileges of a delegate.

On motion it was agreed that when the Convention adjourns to-night, it adjourn till 4 o'clock, p. m. on Sunday.

On motion of the Secretary, a Committee of one from each Society was appointed to draw up a series of resolutions expressive of the principles and policy of the Union. The following gentlemen were appointed such Committee; Father Mathew Association, Mr. R. O'Brien; St. Malachi's Society, Mr. Cohalan; St. Dunstan's Society, Mr. Brown.

The Convention adjourned at 9 o'clock.

JOHN O'BRIEN,
Secretary *pro tem.*

ST. JOHN, N. B.,

June 30th, 1872.

The Convention re-assembled at 4 o'clock, p. m., all the delegates being present except Mr. Collins.

The Rev. Joseph Michaud was present in response to the invitation extended to him, and took part in the proceedings of the Convention.

Mr. Perks took the Chair and the Secretary of the previous session again acted in that capacity.

The Committee on Constitution presented their Report, which was read by sections. Each Article of the proposed Constitution was adopted in turn, and the Constitution was afterwards ratified as a whole, with the addition of a proviso to the first article that the Union should be subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following.

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention observes with regret the comparatively low state of the Temperance cause in the Province, and the necessity there exists for vigorous and united action in the suppression of the great vice of Intemperance, which can be principally done by the formation of Total Abstinence Societies throughout the country.

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention, noticing with satisfaction the great advance in the Temperance movement which has taken place in the United States, through the establishment of Catholic State Unions and a General Union, under the guidance of the Right Rev. Bishops and Rev. Clergy of the

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Catholic Church, is of opinion that the Provincial Catholic Temperance Union will be the means of spreading the cause in New Brunswick.

3. *Resolved*, That this Convention considers it advisable to join the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, believing that good results would follow from such connection. }

4. *Resolved*, That this Convention debars from its deliberations all matters not relating to Temperance.

The resolutions were discussed separately, and the 1st and 2nd resolution passed unanimously. While the 3rd resolution was being discussed the hour of 6 o'clock arrived, and on motion the Convention adjourned till 7 o'clock, after passing a vote of thanks to Rev. Father Michaud, who was requested to convey to the Societies of Portland the fraternal greeting of the Convention, with an expression of regret that they were not represented and of satisfaction on learning from their Rev. President that they would soon become members of the New Brunswick Union.

JOHN O'BRIEN,
Secretary *pro tem*.

ST. JOHN, N. B.,
June 30th, 1872.

The Convention met at 7 p.m., with Mr. Perks in the Chair, and J. O'Brien, Secretary.

The Rev. Father Chapman was present, and all the delegates attended.

The debate on the 3d Resolution reported by the

Committee was resumed, and on being put to vote, said resolution was carried unanimously.

The 4th Resolution was carried without discussion.

On motion, the Board of Government to be formed were authorized to carry out the third Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Gleeson, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America were ratified by the Convention of the New Brunswick Union.

A Committee of one from each Society was appointed to nominate for election the Officers of the Union required by the Constitution. Mr. Allen, Father Mathew Association; Mr. Cohalan, St. Malachi's Society; and Mr. Farrell, St. Dunstan's Society, were appointed such Committee.

The Convention took a recess while the Committee prepared their Report, and when business was resumed the Committee submitted as their Report the following nominations.—

For President,—Mr. JOHN O'BRIEN.

“ Recording Secretary,—PATRICK GLEESON, Esq.

“ Corresponding Secretary,—Mr. MOSES BROWN.

“ Treasurer,—Mr. JOHN COHALAN.

Mr. Cohalan protested against his own nomination, but the Report of the Committee was unanimously adopted, and the nominations confirmed.

The Convention took another recess, while each delegation retired to elect their respective Vice-

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Presidents of the Union. When business was resumed the following nominations were made and confirmed by the Convention :—

By St. Malachi's Society,—Mr. PATRICK MORAN.

By the Father Mathew Association,—Mr. TIMOTHY COLLINS.

By St. Dunstan's Society,—Mr. GEO. R. PERKS.

On motion, it was resolved that the Second Annual Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick shall be held in the City of Fredericton, on June 30th, 1873.

The duly elected Officers of the Union now took their seats.

JOHN O'BRIEN,

Secretary *pro tem*.

After the Officers had taken their seats, and the President in the Chair.

On motion. *Resolved*,—"That a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Geo. R. Perks, for his able and impartial conduct in the Chair during the sittings of the Convention." Passed unanimously.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer returned their thanks to the Members of the Convention for the honor conferred on them by electing them to the several offices they now hold.

A motion, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. O'Brien, who has acted Secretary to the Convention, passed unanimously.

The thanks of the Convention were given to Rev. Father Chapman for being present this evening. He returned thanks for the vote just passed.

The thanks of the Convention were given to the St. Malachi's Society for the free use of the Gas during the sittings of the Convention, and also for their kind attentions to the members in the Hall.

The Board of Government were authorized to appoint a Committee to wait on his Lordship the Bishop about the Constitution, &c. ; and any unfinished business to be left to the Board of Government.

The members of the St. Dunstan's Delegation thanked for the assistance given to the Convention and for the harmony existing through all the sittings of the Convention. Mr. Farrell returned thanks.

The members of the Father Mathew Association thanked for the same reasons. Mr. Allen returned thanks.

Moved the Convention adjourn.

Rev. Father Chapman closed the Convention with prayer.

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